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American university including photo tags and housing information. Mucha said their community detection methodology identified some interesting details, including points of historical transition in the Senate and indications of different groups among Facebook users.

"Facebook is a good example of a tangled web of connections," he said.

"Within it, there are groups of people who are more tightly connected to each other than they are to other groups. If you map out every individual 'friend' connection and trace one connection to another, you'll see some clumpiness to that network."

But a more complete analysis of the network would include information about the myriad of different types of connections. For example, by analyzing data such as individuals' profile details, photo tags, Facebook "likes" and recommendations and messages, it might be possible to identify other connections and groups that may be subtle or not explicitly obvious, Mucha said. (The paper in Science did not look at all such information)

The new method divides a network into multiple "slices," with each slice representing the network at one snapshot in time, or a different set of connections between the individuals within it. These slices are then combined and - by using a variety of computer algorithms - analyzed to identify communities.

Mucha's primary interest in network analysis is applying methodologies to real world data, including congressional relationships.

With the new community detection method, researchers should be able to dig deeper to examine the relationships among different groups in dynamic, multiplex data. Identifying community structures in a network might help to model processes and provides a signal about the underlying system, such as legislative polarization or

the influence of various factors and forces, he said.

"Looking at the way legislators vote, it's usually easy to quickly group them into Republicans and Democrats, but that's really just a first pass at the data," he said. "Those legislators might be connected in many ways - the states they represent, who they've received political donations from, their caucuses or committee assignments, even where their offices are located in the building. Combining such information in a meaningful way helps us explore - and potentially make more sense of - legislative data."

Mucha believes another potential application for the new method is modeling the spread of diseases. He plans new research in that area.

Two UNC undergraduates - Thomas Richardson, class of 2008, and Kevin Macon, class of 2010 - are among the paper's co-authors, along with Mason A. Porter of Oxford University and Jukka-Pekka Onnela of Harvard University.

Mucha is also a member of the UNC's Carolina Center for Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics and the Institute for Advanced Materials, Nanoscience and Technology. His community detection research is supported by a National Science Foundation CAREER Award.

PEOPLE NEWS

FLORIDA

University of Central Florida Libraries

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is proud to announce the arrival of **Rebecca "Missy" Murphey**, who joined the Libraries Reference Services department faculty in June. Ms. Murphey received her

MLIS from the University of Alabama, and comes to UCF from the University of Mississippi. She has extensive experience with library instruction, face-to-face and virtual reference services, and collection development and liaison responsibilities. Ms. Murphey also has a background with government documents and has written and presented on a variety of topics of interest to librarians. She has served as chair of the ALA Education and Behavioral Sciences Section Communication Studies Committee.

The UCF Libraries also welcomes the arrival of **Mary Page**, who will join the Libraries faculty as Associate Director for Collections & Technical Services on August 9, 2010.



Page received her MLS degree from Rutgers University where she also served in a variety of librarian positions for 19 years. Most recently employed as Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services at the University of California-Davis Library, Page brings with her extensive experience in all aspects of technical services, including acquisitions, serials, collection management and collection development. Among the many leadership positions and service activities in which Page has been involved are the Ingenta Library Advisory Board, the National Academy of Sciences, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Library Advisory Board, and past president of The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG). She currently serves as a Director-At-Large for the Association for Library Collections & Technical Service,

Board of Directors. She was also a guest editor and writer for *Against the Grain* and other professional publications.

Mary Page is filling the position vacated when Jeannette Ward, the first Associate Director for Collections & Technical Services at the UCF Libraries, retired in July 2007.

GEORGIA

Valdosta State University

Jeffrey W. Gallant has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library, Valdosta, GA as an Instructor of Library Science and Reference Librarian. Jeffrey received his Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, Boston, MA in December 2009.

Ginger H. Williams has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library, as an Instructor of Library Science and Reference Librarian. Ginger received her Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL in December 2009.

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky Libraries

Terry Birdwhistell has been selected as the next dean of the [University of Kentucky Libraries](#) pending approval by the UK Board of Trustees. The current associate dean for [Special Collections and Digital Programs](#) and co-director of the [Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center](#), Birdwhistell has been credited with building programs and centers, obtaining significant archival collections, as well as actively engaging in scholarly research, publications and media productions during his 35 years of service in the UK Libraries administration.

Calling his appointment "a tremendous

honor," Birdwhistell said he looks forward to working with Provost Kumble Subbaswamy and the UK Libraries' faculty and staff to continue building the UK Libraries into one of the nation's finest public research libraries."

Birdwhistell, who has been serving as interim dean since January, holds a bachelor's degree in American studies from Georgetown College, master's degrees in [history](#) and [library and information science](#) from UK, and a doctorate in [educational policy studies and evaluation](#) from UK.

A noted oral historian, Birdwhistell assumed the position of director of UK's Oral History Program in 1974 and is credited with building the [Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History](#) into one of the nation's top programs during his 31 years of service guiding the program.



In the 1980s, Birdwhistell began taking on several other leadership positions in UK Libraries including serving as University Archivist from 1985 to 2001. He has also served as executive secretary of the UK Libraries National Advisory Board since

2007.

In 2001, Birdwhistell was named co-director of the Ford Center. A founding member of the [Association of Centers for the Study of Congress](#), the center has brought to campus such prestigious national leaders as former Senator Joe Biden (now vice president of the United States), former Senator Walter Dee Huddleston, former Vice President Walter Mondale, and former Senator and Democratic nominee for the presidency George McGovern.

Birdwhistell was named associate dean for Special Collections and Digital Programs (SCDP) in 2005. Under his leadership, he brought together a new organizational structure that included [Preservation and Digital Programs](#), [Archives](#), the [Special Collections Library](#), the Nunn Center and the Ford Center. SCDP has a national reputation for its extensive holdings of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, and oral histories. SCDP also houses and provides administrative support for the [Kentucky African-American Encyclopedia Project](#).

Birdwhistell is a member of the [UK College of Education Hall of Fame](#) and in 2007 was named one of the "25 Movers and Shapers at UK during the Past Twenty-five Years" in UK Office of Research's [ODYSSEY Magazine](#).

Since 1987, Birdwhistell has also been active in the classroom. He currently holds an adjunct faculty appointment in the UK College of Education and has taught in the UK School of Library and Information Science.

Birdwhistell also serves as co-general editor of the "Kentucky Remembered: An Oral History Series" published by the [University Press of Kentucky](#).

Outside UK, Birdwhistell serves on the [Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress](#), Kentucky's [State Archives and Records Commission](#) and the executive

board of the [Kentucky Historical Society](#). He is a past president of the national [Oral History Association](#), the [Kentucky Council on Archives](#) and the [Kentucky-Tennessee American Studies Association](#).

Birdwhistell succeeds Carol Pitts Diedrichs, who served as dean from July 2003 to December 2009.

"Dr. Birdwhistell brings a rich combination of experiences to his new post as the dean of UK Libraries," said [Provost Kumble Subbaswamy](#). "His extensive knowledge of current library and information access issues, and his deep knowledge of the Commonwealth will help advance the work being done at UK Libraries to better serve the university and its communities."

Birdwhistell will begin his tenure July 1. The major research library in the Commonwealth and a member of the [Association of Research Libraries](#), UK Libraries provides comprehensive access to information essential to teaching, research and service at UK. The library system includes more than 3.5 million volumes; more than 31,000 current periodical titles; more than 400 networked electronic resources; and nearly 45,450 electronic journals accessible on and off campus.

University of Louisville Libraries

James E. Manasco has been named recipient of the 2010 Class of Special Libraries Association Fellows. Manasco joined SLA in 1994 and is a member of the Kentucky Chapter and the Science-Technology, Information Technology (IT), and Academic Divisions. He is head of Collection Development for the University of Louisville.

Manasco has served in a variety of SLA leadership roles, including chair of the Sci-Tech (2003-2004) and IT Divisions (2008), president of the Kentucky Chapter (2003-2004), and chair of the 2010 Annual

Conference Advisory Council. He is a co-presenter of the popular Sci-Eng 101 series of programs offered at SLA's Annual Conference each year and is the editor of *Sci-Tech News*, the multi-divisional bulletin that covers several of SLA's science-related units. The Kentucky Chapter honored him with its Professional Award in 2004 and its Outstanding Member Award in 2007.

Prior to arriving at the University of Louisville, Manasco was head of the Robert E. Shaver Library of Engineering of the University of Kentucky (1999-2003). He received his MSLS and his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky.

Randy Kuehn began work in March 2010 as Systems Librarian. He received his MSLIS from the University of Illinois in 2009 with an emphasis on information systems and management. Before coming to UofL, he was the Acquisitions Coordinator at the Ames Library, Illinois Wesleyan University, in Bloomington, IL.

E. Michael Wilson joined the University of Louisville in April 2010 as the Engineering and Physical Sciences Librarian. Prior to Louisville he worked as the Engineering Librarian at Texas Tech University and Ohio University respectively. Michael is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he received his MSLS, BBA, and BS in Computer Engineering.

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson State University

Archivist **Clarence Hunter** was a 2010 recipient of the prestigious "For My People" Award on February 25 at the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center's annual convocation at Jackson State University. Along with Hunter, honorees included L.C. Dorsey, Alferdteen Harris, and Andrew Young. The award is given to individuals who have distinguished

themselves in the preservation of African American culture.



Clarence Hunter (far left), Alferdteen Harris, Andrew Young, L. C. Dorsey, and Robert Luckett, Director of the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center.

Hunter is a native of Washington, D.C. He received an A.B. degree from Howard University, an M.S. from the Teacher's College Columbia, and an M.L.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi. He was one of the original members of the Teachers for East Africa and taught in Uganda, 1961-1970. He was the director of the Transitional Year Program at Brandeis University and dean of students at the Mississippi Industrial College. Hunter has served as the archivist for Tougaloo College and the civil rights archivist from the Amistad Research Center. He is currently the curator of the Tougaloo College Civil Rights Collection at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Jackson-George Regional Library System

Dana Woods, branch manager of the Vancleave Public Library, recently received her Master of Library Science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Woods has been employed with the Jackson-George Regional Library System for seven years and started at the Gautier Public Library as a library clerk before joining the administrative staff in July, 2006.



Dana Woods, manager of the Vancleave Public Library, receives a certificate of achievement from Bruce Grimes, regional library board chairman, commemorating her USM Master's degree.

After learning a great deal about libraries and gaining interest in the career of librarianship, Woods began her graduate studies in August of 2007. She was promoted to branch manager in May, 2009.

"A library would be only a building without the people that walk through its doors," said Dana. "With a career in librarianship, I have the ability to share my knowledge with others and help them understand that a library has more to offer than just books." For more information about the libraries, visit on-line at www.jgrls.org.

The Jackson-George Regional Library System also recently hired a new branch manager. **Lori Ward Smith** will take the helm of the Pascagoula Public Library, the largest branch in the system.

"I am incredibly happy to be selected as Pascagoula's Library Manager," said Lori. "I feel fortunate to be able to work with such a capable group of people who are totally committed to public service. Pascagoula is such a beautiful place, and I look forward to getting to know more about the city and its people."

While living in Pascagoula as a child, Lori received her first library card at the Pascagoula Public Library. She was previously serving as director of the Pickens County Cooperative Library System in Carrollton, Alabama. Lori is a graduate of

the University of Southern Mississippi with a BS in Interior Design and was awarded her Master of Library Service degree at the University of Alabama.



Library Director Carol Hewlett said, “Lori comes to us with library experience that is varied and covers a span of more than 20 years. She has been a county-wide system director, a youth services coordinator, and a school librarian. She has a history of being active in both community and professional organizations. We are thrilled to attract a candidate of her caliber to our system and feel the Pascagoula community will benefit greatly from her tenure as manager of the Pascagoula Public Library.”

Mississippi State University Libraries

During the annual meeting of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, held this year May 2 – 4 in MSU’s Mitchell Memorial Library, Dean of Libraries **Frances Coleman** was honored with the first Ulysses S. Grant Association – John Y. Simon Award of Merit. Dean Coleman shared this honor with Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice (ret.)

Frank J. Williams, who is also long-time president of the USGA.

This award will become an annual event, given to an individual who, during the previous year, has done the most for the perpetuation of the memory of General and President Ulysses S. Grant. The Award is named after Professor John Y. Simon, former executive director of the USGA and managing editor of the USGA's publication of 31 volumes of *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*. Simon died in July 2008.

Dean Coleman received the first award because of the major role she played in the transfer of the Ulysses S. Grant Association Presidential Collection from the Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, where it had resided since 1964, to Mitchell Memorial Library. Since the Collection’s arrival, Coleman has provided consistent support within the Library and the University for the Association and its publication and research functions. In 2009, Coleman was added to the USGA Board of Directors as a demonstration of the faith that the Association had in her and Mississippi State University. This new award only demonstrates again the high regard in which she, the MSU Libraries, and Mississippi State University are held by USGA.

Chief Justice Williams was honored with this award in celebration of his 25th anniversary on the Board of Directors and his fifteen years of service as USGA president. Justice Williams has provided consistent leadership that has been instrumental in placing the USGA among the leaders in the field of documentary preservation and publication.

John F. Marszalek, USGA executive director and managing editor since August 2008, made the award presentations to Dean Coleman and Justice Williams. Marszalek commented, “The Ulysses S. Grant Association is fortunate to have the talents and dedication of Dean Coleman and Justice Williams. The Association's presentation of

this prestigious award to them is but a small token of gratitude for all they have done and continue to do for our important historical work."

For more information on the USGA and the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Collection, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/grant>.

Pearl Public Library

When you are on fire for what you believe in, it doesn't take long to get attention and recognition.

Mara Villa is proof of that. Vision and enthusiasm landed Mara in the top spot at the Pearl Public Library where she became branch manager on March 1, 2010.

Before then, Mara was the Pearl Library's youth services supervisor. In that position and since, blazing a trail of outside-the-box thinking, especially in terms of community outreach, Mara has found herself fixed in the local media spotlight; almost a media darling.



Photo by Pearl Public Library Staff/2009

High energy, a passion for her work and an advocate for the traditional and the ground-breaking moments for libraries, best describes Mara. It's no surprise that she has captured media attention over and over, making the front page several times. "I'm old school librarian meets new school

librarian," she said. "I like a lot of old things but I like to incorporate new and then create some kind of harmony about it."

She believes the library is perpetually evolving to fit existing needs. "The library is a place that grows as the people grow," said Mara. "It changes when the people need it to change. The future of the library is the people that it serves."

All that being said, it's really hard to believe that Mara's career plans initially did not involve the library world.

In 2004, after graduating with a history degree from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mara held a short stint at the Oxford-Lafayette County Public Library in Oxford. That's where she heard her calling in a "hallelujah" exclaimed by an elderly patron who had just been handed a miracle.

It was a poem that the patron knew was virtually impossible to find, but one that she desperately wanted it to read at a friend's funeral. Mara found that poem. When she saw the elderly woman's reaction, "It was my hallelujah/Aha! moment," said Mara.

From that point on Mara knew the library was her place in life.

In May 2009, Mara received her Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

A few months after her graduation, she was asked to join Beta Phi Mu, an international organization for librarians who are newly graduated and show promise in the field.

Before 2009, Mara garnered numerous scholarships. Among them are the 2005 Graduate of the Mississippi Library Commission's Librarianship 101 program; 2007-2008 Mississippi Library Commission Public Librarian Scholarship; 2008 Central Mississippi Library Council Scholarship; 2008 Mississippi Library Association's

Virgia Brocks-Shedd Scholarship and the 2008 Rankin County Employee of the Year (Central MS Regional Library System).

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina State University Libraries

The North Carolina State University Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of the NCSU Libraries Fellows, 2010 - 2012: **Brian Norberg** and **Adam Rogers**, effective July 1, 2010, and **L. Hill Taylor**, effective August 2, 2010.

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program develops future leaders for academic libraries, with a focus on science, engineering, and digital librarianship, on diversity, and on library management. For more than ten years, the program has attracted an impressive group of talented new graduates from universities throughout North America. NCSU Libraries Fellows are appointed for a two-year term as members of the library faculty, combining a project assignment on an initiative of strategic importance with a half-time appointment in a home department.

Brian Norberg is soon to graduate with the Master of Library Science (Digital Library Specialization) from the Indiana University at Bloomington. While in graduate school, Norberg has worked on a number of projects relating to digital librarianship. As an e-text editor for the Digital Library Program, he has created workflows, written XSL transformation documents, and developed a subject and genre taxonomy to improve browsing and searching functions for the Victorian Women Writers Project and the Indiana Authors Project. He also worked on the Victorian Women Writers Project as both an intern and library assistant--encoding documents, identifying user needs, and training other students and assistants. He has held internships with the *Indiana Magazine of History* and the Swinburne

Project, encoding documents for web delivery. During the summer of 2009, Norberg was a Junior Fellow Intern at the Library of Congress, where he worked with the Network Development staff, catalogers, reference specialists, and division chiefs to develop an XML database for searching bibliographic records of the Library's special collections. He has served as an adjunct faculty member teaching Literature and Composition classes at Argosy University, Triton College, and Morton College. Norberg holds the Master of Arts in English Literature from the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Adam Rogers will complete the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), where he has held a variety of positions. In the Park Library of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, he provided discipline-specific reference, taught RefWorks classes, adapted instructional materials for distance students, and contributed to monograph and serial cataloging projects. In the UNC-CH Libraries' Southern Folklife Collection he conducted a mass audio digitization project on the Eno River Festival, cataloged over two thousand 45rpm records, and reformatted metadata for the *Soundings* public radio collection. He was a graduate assistant in the Music Library where he digitized and cataloged materials for the 19th-Century American Sheet Music Digitization Project. Rogers is a field experience intern at Davis Library, collaborating on special projects with the Reference Librarian for Emerging Technologies. He served as the vice president of the UNC Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology and is a founding member of the UNC Chapter of the Progressive Librarians Guild. He earned the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and English from University of Virginia.

L. Hill Taylor will earn the Master of Science in Library Science from UNC-CH. He was a recipient of a Carnegie Tuitional Fellowship at the UNC-CH School of Information and Library Science. In this Fellowship he explored, developed, and implemented digital technologies for the provision of instructional services, library instruction and reference, produced a monthly podcast, and participated in the selection and acquisition of library materials. Taylor completed internships at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and at Duke University Libraries in Data Services/GIS. He currently serves as a Lecturer at UNC-CH in the Department of English and Comparative Literature, where he teaches classes in Information Literacy, New Media, and Interdisciplinary Research Methods. Taylor has also taught courses at the University of District Columbia and North Carolina State University on topics including Composition & Rhetoric, Interdisciplinary Research Methods, and Technical Writing. Taylor holds the Doctor of Philosophy from UNC-CH in Educational & Instructional Technology, a Cultural Studies Certificate from UNC-CH, the Master of Arts in English from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and the Bachelor of Arts in Management, with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in English, from North Carolina State University.

Polk County Public Library

Mark Pumphrey, Director of the Polk County Public Library in Columbus, North Carolina, was elected to the OCLC Global Council recently. An announcement of the election results was made during the meeting of the OCLC Americas Regional Council during the ALA Summer Conference in Washington, DC.

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Diane Wheeler Strauss, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Services at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, retired March 1, 2010, after more than 36 years of service with the Library.



Strauss joined the Library staff in 1973 as the social sciences reference librarian in what was then the Business Administration/Social Sciences Reference Department. In 1976, she became head of the department, which has since been integrated with the Library's other reference and research services.

She became associate university librarian for public services in 1992, and additionally took on administrative responsibility for library collections in 2004.

Strauss is the author of the "Handbook of Business Information" (Libraries Unlimited, 1988), which was reissued in 2003 as "Strauss's Handbook of Business Information: A Guide for Librarians, Students, and Researchers Second Edition."

In 1990, she received the Gale Research Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship from the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS) of the Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association. Her citation recognized Strauss's "contributions

as librarian, author, teacher, and professional to the field of business reference librarianship today," with particular emphasis on publication of the Handbook.

Along with her service at the UNC Library, Strauss taught the well-received Business Information Sources and Services class at UNC's School of Information and Library Science from 1986 through 2001. Strauss received a B.S. in English from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, and an M.L.S. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Prior to joining the University of North Carolina Library, she held positions at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Md.; the University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Library and Information Studies; the May Memorial Library in Burlington, N.C.; and the U.S. Department of Labor Library in Washington, D.C.

UNC has also appointed **Bill Landis** as Head of Special Collections Research and Instructional Services. Landis began March 1, 2010.

In this new position, Landis will build a consolidated research and instructional services program for UNC's Louis Round Wilson Special Collections Library, comprising the North Carolina Collection, the Rare Book Collection, the Southern Historical Collection, the Southern Folklife Collection, and University Archives and Records Management Services.

Landis will lead efforts to promote and expand the use of special collections, and will participate in the planning and implementation of special collections priorities, goals, workflows, and policies. He will additionally provide leadership and administration for research and reference services, instruction, and resource management across the collections.



Landis served most recently as Head of Arrangement and Description and Metadata Coordinator for the Manuscripts and Archives Department at Yale University Library. From 2004 to 2006, he was Metadata Coordinator for the California Digital Library, and he worked before that as the Manuscripts Librarian at the University of California, Irvine.

Landis was co-editor with Robin Chandler of "Archives and the Digital Library" (Haworth Information Press, 2006) and is working with Thomas Hyry on a "Guide to Archival Research" for Oxford University Press. He has written, taught, and presented extensively on topics related to archives and special collections.

He holds an M.I.L.S. with a concentration in archives and records management from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz. In 2008, he was made a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists.

UNC appointed **Jay Gaidmore** as University Archivist in May of 2010.

In this position, Gaidmore will work with schools, departments and offices at UNC to ensure the scheduling of University records, and will develop priorities for the conservation and processing of University records. He will provide primary administrative reference service to UNC administrators, faculty and staff. Gaidmore will also develop exhibitions and programs that recognize and promote UNC history, and will chair the University History Council.

Gaidmore was most recently University Archivist at Brown University in Providence, R.I. From 1999 to 2006, he held positions at the Library of Virginia as Private Papers Program Manager, Senior Finding Aids Description Archivist and Private Papers Archivist. He has also worked as an archivist at the Old Dominion University Library in Norfolk, Va.



Gaidmore has written about Virginia history and is the recipient of the 2002 Frederic M. Miller Finding Aid Award from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference for his publication "A Guide to Church Records in the Library of Virginia."

Gaidmore holds an M.L.I.S. from the University of South Carolina and an M.A. in history from Old Dominion University. His B.A. in history is from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire.

John Blythe became Special Projects and Outreach Coordinator for the North Carolina Collection of the UNC Libraries in June.

In this position, Blythe will develop and expand North Caroliniana reference resources, prepare and edit publications and contribute to digital projects involving materials from the collection. He will also help to plan and direct public programs and outreach activities and deliver presentations to on-campus and statewide audiences.



Since January, Blythe has served as Project Librarian for the North Carolina Maps project based at the UNC Library. He has also been a Carolina Digital Curation Fellow and Audio Technician at the Library.

Before becoming a librarian, Blythe had a seventeen-year career as a reporter, editor and radio producer.

Blythe holds an M.S. in Information and Library Science and a B.A. in American

Studies from UNC. He also holds a Certificate in Film from New York University.

Maggie Dickson became Digital Projects Librarian for the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center in June.

In this position, Dickson will manage operations and publications for the center, which provides digitization and hosting services for cultural heritage institutions across North Carolina. The center is online at <http://digitalnc.org/>.



Dickson will develop and implement new projects with partner institutions and will be responsible for day-to-day digitization and publication. She will also hire, train and supervise assistants, and will provide guidance in assessment, planning and training.

Dickson was most recently the Beaux Arts to Modernism Digital Project Librarian at the North Carolina State University Library in Raleigh. She was previously the Watson-Brown Project Librarian for the Carolina Digital Library and Archives at UNC.

Dickson holds an M.L.S. and a B.A. in Art History from UNC.

Peggy Myers became Director of Library Development in July. She will lead the Library's development programs and will establish the strategic direction and implementation of activities to support Library fundraising.



Myers served since 2001 as the Library's Associate Director of Development, responsible for major gifts, planned gifts and special projects. She was previously Director of Development and Membership for the North Carolina Museum of Art and has held various fundraising and development positions at UNC.

Myers holds an A.B. in Political Science from UNC. She is a member of Development Officers of Research and Academic Libraries and serves on the board and as a volunteer for several community organizations.

Pam Sessoms began in July as Undergraduate Librarian in the R.B. House Undergraduate Library. She will provide leadership and vision in developing and

sustaining traditional and innovative services that support learning, teaching, and information needs focused on undergraduate students.



Sessoms has served since August as Interim Head of the Undergraduate Library. She joined the Reference Department at UNC's Davis Library in 1994, specializing in electronic services. She has also co-taught classes on information resources and services at UNC's School of Information and Library Science.

Sessoms holds a B.A. in Anthropology and Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures, and an M.L.S., both from UNC. She was named a 2009 "Mover and Shaker" by Library Journal for her co-development of LibraryH3lp (pronounced "Library Help"), a virtual reference tool.

University of North Carolina Greensboro

Kathy Bradshaw has been appointed as the new Human Resources Librarian at UNC Greensboro. Kathy came to UNCG from New Jersey, where she worked for MetLife and Montclair State University. She holds the M.L.I.S. from Rutgers, a B.A. from Spelman College and a M.S. from the New School for Social Research.



Keith Gorman has joined UNCG as Assistant Head of Special Collections and University Archives, and Digital Collections Coordinator. He received his M.L.S. from Simmons College and his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in History from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His B.A. is from Loyola University in Chicago. Prior to joining UNCG, Keith was Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Museum in Edgartown, MA, and was Assistant Professor of History at Simmons.

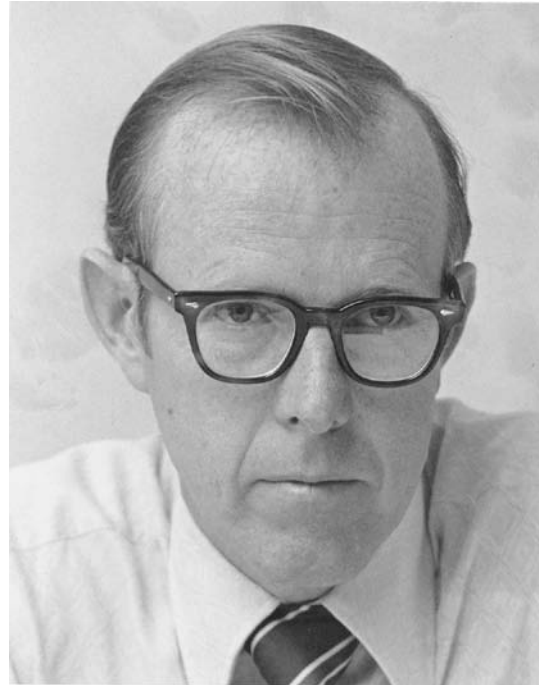


David Gwynn has been named Digital Projects Coordinator at UNC Greensboro. David received his M.L.I.S. from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December, 2009. He earned a B.A. in Geography and Sociology from the same institution in December, 1991. David was employed as a freelance web designer and developer from 1997 to 2010, and also held a variety of management and administrative positions with FedEx Kinko's from 1989 to 2005.



James Howard Thompson, 75, of Durham, NC died on April 13, 2010, after a long illness. Born on August 20, 1934, in Memphis, TN, he was the son of Curtis Thompson and Clara Terry Thompson. He graduated from Rhodes College in 1955 and received his M.A. and Ph.D. in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1957 and 1961 and his M.S. in Library Science at the University of Illinois in 1963. Dr. Thompson was on the faculty at Duke University 1963-65, at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, 1965-66, and at the University of Colorado 1966-68. He was Director of the Undergraduate Library and

professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1968-70. In 1970 he became Director of Libraries and professor of History at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he retired in 1994.



Jim was Library Director at UNCG from 1970 to 1988 and then he taught in the History Dept until his retirement in 1994. Associate Dean of the University Libraries Kathy Crowe notes that during his tenure the Library's collections and staff grew to support UNCG's expanding research and professional programs in addition to the physical space. Jim was responsible for planning and opening the Library Tower that is now a prominent campus landmark. UNCG also adopted its first online catalog while he was there.

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina Libraries

Nancy H. Washington will be retiring from her position as Director of Publications at the University of South Carolina Libraries in Columbia with the title Distinguished Librarian Emerita.



Washington came to USC in 1986 after holding professional positions at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the University of West Florida. She holds a Master of Library Science degree from Florida State University and a Master of Humanities degree from the University of West Florida.

Dwight Gardner will be retiring from his position as Head Business Librarian of the Springs Business Library at the University of South Carolina Libraries in Columbia with the title Librarian Emeritus.



Gardner came to USC in 1976. He holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati.

Elizabeth Sudduth has been named Associate Director, Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of South Carolina Libraries.

Jeffrey Makala has been named Librarian for Special Collections Education and Outreach, Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of South Carolina Libraries.

Amy Edwards joined the University of South Carolina Libraries on May 17, 2010 as Reference Librarian with responsibilities for the health sciences. Amy comes from the University of Dayton, where she was a reference and instruction librarian. Amy received a MLS from Indiana University, a Master of Education from the College of Charleston, and a B.S in Dietetics from Michigan State University.

TENNESSEE

Middle Tennessee State University

J. Donald Craig, Dean of the James E. Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University, has retired after 38 years of service with the University. Craig joined the Walker Library in 1972 as Assistant Librarian after having served as Assistant to the Director of the Joint University Libraries in Nashville. He became University Librarian in 1976 followed by his appointment as Dean in 1994. He oversaw the growth of the library collection from 200,000 books to over 1 million print and electronic items and was heavily involved in bringing the library into an active instructional role in the University. Craig shared his expertise through research contributions, consulting, workshops, and presentations. He had a long history of professional involvement from co-founding the Mid-State Library Association in Tennessee to his long service in the Tennessee chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He served as President of the Tennessee Library Association and helped found the Nashville Area Library Alliance, a consortium dedicated to enriching the learning experience in the middle Tennessee region. Craig was an early adopter of technology in libraries and has been an advocate for collaborative and consortial relationships with other academic libraries for many years. He shepherded the planning and construction of the award winning Walker Library facility at Middle Tennessee State University which opened in 1999.



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Registration is OPEN!

Join us on September 16-17th when, for the first time, Mississippi State University Libraries offers these popular conferences back-to-back:

Thursday, September 16th

9th Annual MidSouth eResource Symposium

Find out what's new in eResource management in this day-long symposium and learn more about the ITHAKA S+R Faculty Survey 2009 and its relationship to the evolving role of the library from our keynote speaker, Ross Housewright, a research analyst there. Read more about our speakers and register on our site: <http://library.msstate.edu/eresource>.

Friday, September 17th

MSU Libraries Emerging Technologies Summit

An amazing slate of Steal-This-Idea sessions on the applications libraries have found for mobile, instruction and access using emerging technologies has been set. Come to the Summit with your own ideas to steal and get a "Post 2.0" vision for the future of libraries from our keynote, Jason Griffey. <http://library.msstate.edu/emergingtech>